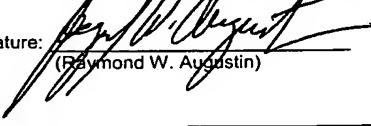
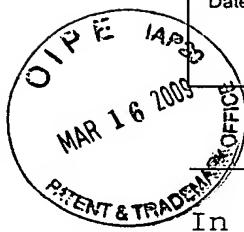


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Dear Madam:

In response to the Official Action mailed December 16, 2008, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.